

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for obtaining a scalar value from a vector register for use in a mixed vector and scalar instruction, including providing a
5 vector in a vector register file, and embedding a location identifier of the scalar value within the vector in the bits defining the mixed vector and scalar instruction. The scalar value can be used directly from the vector register without the need to load the scalar to a scalar register prior to executing the instruction. The scalar location identifier may be embedded in the secondary
10 op code of the instruction, or the instruction may have dedicated bits for providing the location of the scalar within the vector.

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